

Interested in working with KCWAB?

Sign up for:

- ☐ Assisting with a short term project
- ☐ Assisting with the forum in your district
- ☐ Providing research
- ☐ Sharing your ideas

Name

Phone

Email

We will contact you to find out what your interests are in working with the King County Women's Advisory Board. Often we have a need that may match your interests, and we can design a volunteer opportunity for you. Consider: What skills do you want to use? What topics interest you? Is geographic location important to you? How much time do you want to volunteer?

Please detach and mail or fax to:

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Improving the Lives of Women in King County

The King County Women's Advisory Board (KCWAB) makes recommendations to the King County Executive and the King County Council to ensure the needs, rights and well being of women are taken into account by the County government.

Brief History

The King County Women's Advisory Board (KCWAB) was established in 1978 to foster programs, legislation and policy changes around issues of concern to women and their families. It is a non-partisan advisory board, with members appointed by the Council and the Executive.

Every year the Board holds a planning meeting to outline our work for the coming year. We also host community forums to acquaint people in King County with our work and to hear the areas of concern from women and men in our communities.

The Board looks forward to working with the community, the King County Council and Executive, and with YOU!

Current Projects

- Continued work resulting from the report on young women aging out of foster care in King County.
- A project to explore the issues affecting women in South King County.
- The facilitation of a regional town forum to solicit information from our communities in South King County regarding issues affecting women.

Accomplishments

- Early in our work, the KCWAB provided a needs assessment of women and their families.
- We also developed a pilot project around the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault, before there was a systematic response to those concerns.
- In 1995, the KCWAB researched issues related to women working in the sex industry.
- In 1996, the KCWAB published an overall needs assessment about women in King County.
- Due to a study conducted by KCWAB, release times from the downtown Seattle jail were changed from midnight to six a.m. This change allows former inmates to connect with services and integrate smoothly back into the community.
- KCWAB conducted a study on the impact of unemployment on older women which demonstrated that they were disproportionately affected by a lagging economy, often being "first fired, last hired."
- In 2006 KCWAB completed a needs assessment of the status of young women aging out of the foster care system in King County.

Board Operations

The King County Women's Advisory Board (KCWAB) is composed of 15 members: nine are appointed to represent King County Council districts, two are appointed by the Executive as "Executive At-Large" members, and four are appointed by the King County Council as "Council-At-Large" members.

Individuals interested in an appointment to the KCWAB should call **206-263-9034** or email **Womens.Program@metrokc.gov** to contact the KCWAB staff liaison who can answer any questions. Candidates will be sent an application packet, which will be forwarded to the King County Councilmember for the district in which the candidate lives. The Councilmember may ask for a meeting with the candidate. The final step is a brief hearing before the Law, Justice and Human Services Committee of the King County Council.

The KCWAB meets on the first Thursday of every month (except August) from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Please join us for our meetings.

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